

To the chairman and Members of the Aberayron Rural District Council.

18 MAR 1950

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We beg to submit our Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1948 for the Rural District of Aberayron.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	97,810
Population Census (1931)	...	...	...	...	...	10,125
Estimated Population (mid-year 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	9459
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	
				according to rate books	...	3120
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£16,002.-
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£266-13-6.

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births (Legitimate)	159	81	78
(Illegitimate)	13	7	6
Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population	18.184.		
Still Births	4	3	1
Rate per 1000 total (live & Still) births	22.727		
Deaths	126	62	64
Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated population	13.321		
Deaths from puerperal causes	NIL.		
Deaths of infants under one year of age (Legitimate)	10	8	2
(Illegitimate)	NIL		
Rate per 1000 live births	58.139		
Deaths from diarrhoea (under two years of age)	NIL		

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

1. Public Health Officer of the Authority:
 - (a) Medical - Two part-time Medical Officers of Health.
 - (b) Others - One part-time Sanitary Inspector.
One part time Meat Inspector who is a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
2. Nursing in the Home.

Nature of the arrangements in the area:

 - (a) General.
There are four District Nurses serving the area. Prior to the National Health Service Act they were employed by the District Nursing Associations but thereafter became the responsibility of the County Council. The area is adequately served.
 - (b) Infectious Diseases:
No special arrangements.
3. Midwives
Number of Midwives practising in the area - 7. They are the responsibility of the County Council since 4th July, 1948.
4. Laboratory Facilities:
All clinical material is dealt with by the Public Health Emergency Laboratory at Aberystwyth. There are also arrangements with the Agricultural Department of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth for the examination of water and milk supplies.



3. Legislation in Force.

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890 Section 4.

Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890 Part 3.

Byelaws relating to new buildings.

6. Hospitals.

(a) The Cottage Hospital, Aberayron. There are 6 male and 6 female beds. The hospital was formerly under the control of the County Council but from 4th July, 1948 passed into the control of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board.

(b) The Cardiganshire General Hospital, Aberystwyth.

7. Maternity Homes.

The area is served by the Maternity Home at Aberystwyth which since the passing of the National Health Service Act is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board. The area is adequately served.

8. Ambulance Facilities

Until 5th July, 1948, the area was served by an ambulance stationed at Lampeter and run voluntarily by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Thereafter the service became the responsibility of the County Council under the National Health Service Act 1948.

9 Clinics and Treatment Centres.

These are administered by the County Council.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries: The area is visited by the Tuberculosis Physician on two days every month.

Control of Infectious Diseases.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth and are sent directly to the Laboratory by the General Practitioners.

Antitoxin: Prior to the National Health Service Act coming into force Diphtheria antitoxin was supplied free to practitioners by the local authority and since that date has been supplied free by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory.

Immunisation:

Until the passing of the N.H.S. Act immunisation was the responsibility of the County Council. Since that time it has been carried out by General Practitioners, the immunising agent being supplied free by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory.

No facilities are provided by the Council for the cleansing and disinfecting of verminous persons and their belongings.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

EVAN EVANS,

ERNEST LL. DAVIES,

Medical Officers of Health.

